

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION
HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009

The Caddo Parish Commission met in legal and regular session on the above date at 3:30 p.m. in the Government Chamber with Ms. Stephanie Lynch, President, presiding, and the following members in attendance, constituting a quorum: Commissioners Cox, Baker, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch, Pierson, Smith and Thibodeaux (12). ABSENT: None.

The invocation was given by Mr. Dominick, and Mr. Linn led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSION SITS AS TAX BOARD OF REVIEWERS

At this time the President stated that the Commission would reconvene itself as a Tax Board of Review to hear assessment protests for 2009. She asked Assessor Charles Henington to come forward and report on developments since the Commission opened the review process on September 17.

Mr. Henington said that his staff had met on October 1 with the Commission's Tax Review Subcommittee to hear the protest of General Motors, and on October 5 to hear the protests of Allied Waste and Tower Condominiums. He said that the tax representative for Allied Waste presented no new data, he merely questioned the values placed on certain of the company's trash containers by his office.

Mr. Henington said that these assessments were made as they were because the Tax Commission uses one depreciation schedule and the Internal Revenue Service uses another. Allied prefers to use the IRS schedule, he said, but that is not how his office must assess. He conceded that the Tax Commission's guidelines probably should be amended.

No one appeared to speak in regard to Towers Condominiums, he said, but the tax representative did forward some printed data that was made available during the meeting. However, the data in that information was calculated at 15 percent rather than ten percent, so all the data was incorrect. He said his office stands by the assessment that was made.

General Motors representatives were protesting their assessment on the basis that much of the assembly plant's floor space is not being used, or its utilization does not represent its highest and best use, and that economic realities have affected the overall value of the facility. He said that his office is preparing to go to the plant and measure all the buildings to arrive at a correct assessment. However, he said, the Commission needs to rule at this meeting, prior to that new information being developed.

Mr. Escude, chairman of the Tax Review Subcommittee, said that he is aware that General Motors is an extremely unusual and complex property, and he is of the opinion that the Commission's determination on the case is irrelevant. GM will protest to the Tax Commission, he said.

Mr. Henington said that if his staff's survey should result in a reassessment more in line with the \$24 million value stated by GM, the company likely will accept it. He said his staff will be accompanied by Tax Commission representatives when they visit the plant.

Mr. Escude he believes the Commission and Assessor has worked with GM to accommodate them, but he sees not reason to change the Assessor's number.

Mr. Jenkins said that attended part of the GM hearing, and he does not understand why there is such a large discrepancy between the value as stated by GM and the assessment made by Mr. Henington's office. Mr. Henington said he does not understand either, and that is why his office will be visiting the plant. They will determine if they assessed some square footage that should not have been assessed, or give GM the opportunity to prove that the depreciation—87 percent—they are claiming exists.

Answering a question from Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Henington said that the Commission is charged to accept either his value or GM's value, as well as the respective values of the other appellants. It has been pointed out, however, that the Commission lacks the expertise to make those judgments, he said. Regardless of which way the Commission rules, one party or the other will advance the appeal to the Tax Commission.

It was moved by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mr. Escude, that the Tax Board of Review concur with the assessments set forth by the Assessor in all the appeal cases, those being General Motors Corporation, Allied Waste and Tower Condominiums. He said that as was stated by Mr. Henington, the Commission lacks the capability to make its own judgments in regard to correctly assessing property, and it must rely on the offices of the Assessor.

However, Mr. Pierson said, State law requires that appeals must come before this body. The Commission's most prudent action usually is to recommend that the Assessor and the appellant

resume talks and try to come to a common understanding.

Mr. Pierson's motion then carried.

It was **moved by Mr. Epperson**, seconded by Mr. Smith, *that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 17, 2009, be adopted.* Motion carried.

VISITORS

Dr. Paul Sisson came forward and identified himself as Vice Chancellor for Louisiana State University-Shreveport. He stated that Chancellor Vincent Marsala had been summoned to Baton Rouge for an LSU Board of Supervisors meeting and had been unable to attend this meeting.

Dr. Sisson said he had come to discuss the efforts being made by LSU-S to support the Global Strike Command which has recently been stood up at Barksdale Air Force Base, and to request the disbursement of funds allocated by the Commission for that purpose.

There are two current activities for which LSU-S is specifically requesting those funds, he said, one of those being to support the school's animation and visual effects program. It was started some 18 months earlier to support the local movie and entertainment industry. As a happy coincidence, he said, the program came to be of great interest to Barksdale, and LSU-S has been trying to discover ways to use its animation/visual effects expertise to assist the Global Strike Command mission.

The other portion of the requested funds will go to support the school's Center for Business and Economic Research, a long-standing program at LSU-S that supports economic development in Caddo Parish, Dr. Sisson said.

Mr. Linn asked if the framework for the animation and the Global Strike application are the same insofar as computer design and function. Dr. Sisson said that they are. There are three initiatives at LSU-Shreveport that are distinct but that overlap in a way that allows the school to take advantage of the expertise and build some synergy among the three. Those are the Center for Cyber Operations Security, the Bio-Infomatics Research, and the Animation and Visual Effects.

The nice thing is, he said, that all three initiatives are computer-centric, all calling upon advanced expertise in algorithm design, high-performance computing, and applications of computing to various needs. Everything that is being done at Barksdale calls upon the ability to handle the massive data sets built up in Bio-Infomatics, and animation and visual effects capability.

Mr. Thibodeaux asked if there will be a recurring request for these funds, or if they are one-time expenses. Dr. Sisson said that in both cases they are one-time expenses.

Next came Dr. Ray Belton, Chancellor of Southern University-Shreveport. He thanked the Commission for helping Southern University to realize its role, scope and mission. He said that for some 35 years the school's mission has been singularly focused on providing academic offerings to the community. Two years ago the school recognized its obligation to begin moving toward driving economic development in the community, and particularly in the area in which the school is located.

Dr. Belton said that the funds provided by the Commission will help the school to support the Global Strike Command by helping small businesses to rise up and develop for themselves the infrastructure to support the Strike Command. Specifically what Southern University would be doing would be establishing an endowment, with matching funds from the Louisiana Board of Regents, and those proceeds would establish the foundation to nurture small businesses in their endeavor to position themselves to support the Global Strike Command, he said.

Mr. Thibodeaux asked if Southern University expects the Commission to repeat this grant each year. Dr. Belton said he understands the \$60,000 is to be a one-time grant. The Board of Regents will add \$40,000, making a total endowment of \$100,000. He said he would add that the university does have some other initiatives it would like for the Commission to consider, in keeping with Southern's desire to make a substantive impact for small businesses as they position themselves to support the coming technological economy. Those requests will be made at a later time, he said.

Mr. Thibodeaux pointed out that the \$100,000 endowment will suffice for one year, but it will not be enough to endow a chair. He asked how the university intends to sustain it in subsequent years.

Dr. Belton said that the university's goal is to endow a professorship, not a chair, with the funds the Commission is providing.

Mr. Thibodeaux said that the stated purpose of the university's program is to enable the university to attract and train entrepreneurs. He said he would hope that this university, or any institution, would have as many real entrepreneurs as possible to come in and saturate the students with real-world

knowledge and experience.

Dr. Belton said that the university faculty gives great commitment to that challenge.

Mrs. McCulloch said that she has previously discussed with Dr. Belton the possibility that the Commission might donate the North Shreveport Industrial Park to Southern University. That property is largely standing idle, she said. Surely Southern could make use of that park, she said.

Mr. Pierson said that Southern's business incubator, and other business incubators in the area, serve well in responding to business needs in the community, and in bringing business leadership to the young people of the area.

Dr. Belton responded that for many years Southern University has been signally focused on academics, but it now feels that it should serve as a catalyst to drive economic development. As a consequence it has begun to establish a substantive presence in that direction—first by establishing a business incubator in Bossier City.

More recently it has established a center for business and community development near the university, he continued. That facility alone has the capacity of hosting as many as eight small businesses and two community partners. It presently houses the division chair for the Business Studies Division, which has developed a program for student internships. It is the university's hope to establish the partnerships that will stimulate retail and commercial development. A number of aspiring companies have already expressed interest, he said, and Southern University wants to be on the forefront of managing the growth that will come.

Mr. Escude, addressing both Dr. Belton and Dr. Sisson, said that he is glad to be able to assist both universities at this time, but it is unfortunate that the local entities have to bear the entire load, with no help from the State. The people in Baton Rouge have no concern for problems or opportunities in north Louisiana, other than what the area might contribute to State coffers. Hopefully the future endeavors of the two universities can be supported as well, and perhaps the State can get its affairs in order to the point that it can fund them as it should, he said.

President Lynch thanked Dr. Sisson and Dr. Belton for their presentations.

Next came Mr. Kyle Conley, 6339 W. 70th Street, Shreveport. He said that he represents Steeple Community Economic Development Corporation, a local non-profit organization that receives \$27,000 from the Commission for use in operating an after-school and summer tutorial enrichment programs. It offers homework assistance, tutoring, LEAP test preparation. He said that 100 percent of the program's students were successful in passing their LEAP exams. This includes some students who had repeated grades previously.

He said that the program serves students in grades four through twelve in nine schools in Shreveport and Bossier. He said the program now has about 25 students, concentrating primarily on English and math instruction. Staff consists of himself and a part-time instructor.

Mr. Conley said that Steeple is again requesting funds from the Commission, and he therefore wished to not only express gratitude for previous grants, but to also explain how the funds were used.

Then came Ms. Helen Maziere, 7850 Moncrief Lane, Greenwood. She said she also wished to thank the Commission for a grant to Greenwood Community Center. She said the center's programs also include children, but they primarily serve senior citizens. The Commission's grant funds were used to buy things that improved the seniors' motor skills. The funds also bought sewing machines for the arts and crafts classes, and a volleyball set and basketball goal for the children in the neighborhood. The center also staged its first "Black History Parade" in 2009, she said.

Ms. Maziere said that if the Commission repeats its grant, Greenwood Community Center plans to buy some computers for use in the after-school program.

The President thanked Mr. Conley and Ms. Maziere for their comments.

At this time Mr. Cox stated that he had brought a special guest, Mr. Michael Haik, a visitor from Australia. He said Mr. Haik is traveling the U.S. under provisions of an exchange program of the American Rental Association.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

- Ordinance No. 4921 of 2009 amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund to hire a consultant to help develop a noise ordinance for the year 2009

- Ordinance No. 4922 of 2009 to deem property to be surplus and authorize the sale of same owned by the Parish of Caddo

The President asked if there was anyone present to speak in support of or in opposition to either of the above ordinances, and there was no one. She declared the public hearing to be concluded.

WORK SESSION MINUTES: OCTOBER 5, 2009

It was moved by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Mr. Cox, that the Work Session Minutes of October 5, 2009, be ratified. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES: (For final passage)

ORDINANCE NO. 4921 OF 2009

BY CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE RIVERBOAT FUND FOR THE YEAR 2009 TO APPROPRIATE \$50,000 TO HIRE A CONSULTANT TO HELP DEVELOP A NOISE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission would like to develop a comprehensive noise ordinance to define the acceptable level of noise, at any given time, so that the citizens of Caddo Parish can live comfortably in terms of the sounds they hear; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission desires to retain professional consultant services for assistance in developing the noise ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Commission may acquire consultant services for the noise ordinance through Arpeggio Acoustic Consulting, LLC, through its representative, Mr. Steve Ryherd; and

WHEREAS, Arpeggio will provide acoustic consulting services related to the development of a comprehensive noise ordinance for both Caddo and Bossier Parishes; and

WHEREAS, Caddo Parish's share of the cost for these services will be approximately \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2009 Budget for the Riverboat Fund to provide \$50,000 in funding for consultant services related to developing a noise ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened, that the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Riverboat Fund for the year 2009 is hereby amended as follows:

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Budget Increase (Decrease)</u>
Professional Services	\$ 50,000
Fund Balance	\$(50,000)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pierson, *that Ordinance No. 4921 of 2009, amending the Riverboat Fund Budget to hire a consultant to help develop a noise ordinance for the year 2009, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch, Pierson, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (12). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 4922 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

AN ORDINANCE TO DEEM PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE
THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PARISH OF
CADDO, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo owns the following equipment that is no longer being
used:

1. SW-046 2000 Ford Taurus Wagon, VIN#1FAFP582XYA280479, mileage 129,016
2. PU-131 1995 Ford F-150, VIN# 1FTEX15YXKB42353, mileage 166,932
3. PC-217 1999 Ford Taurus, VIN# 1FAFP5328XG211194, mileage 134,226
4. PU-084 1994 Chevrolet C1500, VIN# 1GCDC14Z9RZ213030, mileage 175,101
5. PU-120 2000 F-150 Pickup, VIN# 1FTRF17W2YNB26364, mileage 165,373
6. PU-138 1995 F-150 Pickup, VIN# 1FTEX15YOSKB44239, mileage 164,132
7. VN-089 1999 Ford F-350 Van, VIN# 1FBNE31L4XHA22391, mileage 111,898 **
8. PC-4455 2002 Jeep Liberty, VIN# 1J4GK48K32W304455, mileage 132,591 **
9. PU-268 1992 Chevrolet K2500, VIN# 1GCFC240NZ180704, mileage 129,800
10. PU-144 1997 Ford F-250 Pickup, VIN# 1FTEF2765VNC91227, mileage 141,234
11. PC-134 1995 Ford Taurus, VIN# 1FALP52U6SA251999, mileage 85,054
12. PU-060 1994 Chevrolet C1500, VIN# 1GCFC24Z3RZ214673, mileage 105,068
13. MG-950 1990 Dresser A450E, VIN# G750004N012255, hours 3,459
14. GA-916 2000 Gradall G3WD, VIN# 0135388, hours 5,548
15. PU-099 1996 Dodge Ram 2500, VIN#1B7JC26YXTS671933, mileage 164,132
16. PC-08 1999 Ford Crown Vic, VIN#2FAFP72W8XX191605, mileage 133,094 ***

(**denotes blown engine - *** denotes wrecked equipment).

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo no longer needs the above equipment which has been
determined to be surplus, obsolete or unused for present and future parish needs; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is authorized to dispose of certain supplies, materials
and equipment determined to be surplus; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo desires to dispose of the above listed equipment, by
public auction; and

WHEREAS, the Caddo Parish Commission concurs in the finding that the items
described above are surplus and are no longer needed for public purposes and that the acquisition value
of said property is greater than \$10,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal
and regular session convened that the above described property is no longer needed for parish public
purposes and is declared surplus property which is to be disposed of, by public auction.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the items described above are being offered on an "as
is" basis, without warranty of title or recourse whatsoever.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or his designee shall
be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all contracts and other documents in a form
acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the
application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications
which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the
provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective upon
immediately upon adoption.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are
hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Thibodeaux**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *that Ordinance No. 4922
of 2009, to deem certain property owned by the Parish to be surplus and to authorize the sale of said
property, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES:
Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch, Pierson,
McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (12). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: None.

ORDINANCES: (For introduction, by title)

- Ordinance No. 4923 2009 amending the Budget of Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$7,500 for the Independence Bowl Foundation for the year 2009
- Ordinance No. 4924 of 2009 declaring certain adjudicated properties to be surplus and to authorize the Parish Administrator or a designee to sell the Parish's tax interest therein

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 45 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED STATES AIR
FORCE GLOBAL STRIKE COMMAND, AND TO OTHERWISE
PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 38 of 2007 the Caddo Parish Commission pledged that in the event the United States Air Force locates its new Cyber Command at Barksdale Air Force Base, the Commission will negotiate agreements to assist Louisiana State University in Shreveport in developing curriculums and disciplines relevant to the Cyber Command and its associated activities in an amount not less than \$150,000, and will further negotiate agreements to assist Southern University in Shreveport in developing curriculums and disciplines relevant to the Cyber Command and its associated activities in an amount not less than \$60,000; and

WHEREAS, although the United States Air Force now has no plans to locate a Cyber Command at Barksdale Air Force Base, it has announced the deployment of its Global Strike Command at Barksdale Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, the location of the United States Air Force Global Strike Command at Barksdale Air Force Base will cause the Caddo-Bossier Metropolitan area to be the nucleus of business and educational development that will attract new employment and business opportunities to our metropolitan area

WHEREAS, a primary responsibility of Caddo Parish is to create economic opportunity for the citizens of Caddo Parish and in order to do so the institutions of higher education located in our area need to be capable of training the business leaders as well as potential and existing employees necessary to sustain our growing economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby pledge its full support to the United States Air Force and other local and state governmental entities in making the Global Strike Command at Barksdale Air Force Base a reality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in recognition of the fact that in order for the citizens of Caddo Parish to reap the benefits of anticipated economic growth occasioned by the location of the United States Air Force Global Strike Command at Barksdale Air Force Base it will be necessary that local institutions of higher education will have the programs necessary to provide appropriate training to our citizens and thus enable them to create and work in businesses necessary to support the Global Strike Command. Therefore, the Commission does hereby designate the previously appropriated sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00) Dollars to Louisiana State University in Shreveport to further the University's initiatives to support the Global Strike Command through its Animation and Visualization Program and its Center for Business and Economic Research, and the sum of Sixty Thousand (\$60,000.00) Dollars to Southern University in Shreveport to endow a Chair in that institution's Division of Business Studies to enable the University to attract and train entrepreneurs and to otherwise train students to work in businesses that support the Global Strike Command and the community at large. Said funds will be made available to these institutions pursuant to written agreements approved as to legal form by the Parish Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the

provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof, including but not limited to Resolution No. 38 of 2007, be and are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Ms. Lynch**, seconded by Mr. Escude, *that Resolution No. 45 of 2009, expressing support for the United States Air Force Global Strike Command, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch, Pierson, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (12). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 46 of 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FIVE YEAR PLAN AND THE ANNUAL PLAN FOR THE 2010 SECTION 8 HOUSING PROGRAM, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo, through its Public Housing Agency (PHA), is responsive to the housing assistance needs of lower income families residing in or expected to reside in Caddo Parish; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the Parish of Caddo, through the PHA, to approve a Five-Year Plan and an Annual Plan for the PHA fiscal year beginning in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo, through the PHA, established a Five-Year Plan and an Annual Plan for the 2010 Section 8 Program; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Section 8 Housing Program is in compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby approve the Five-Year Plan and the Annual Plan for the 2010 Section 8 Housing Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Caddo Parish Administrator or his designee shall be authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all other documents in a form acceptable to the Caddo Parish Attorney necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein, including the submission and implementation of the Five-Year Plan and the Annual Plan for the 2010 Section 8 Housing Program as required by HUD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to the end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict therewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Smith**, seconded by Mrs. Baker, *that Resolution No. 46 of 2009, approving the Five Year Plan and the Annual Plan for the 2010 Section 8 Housing Program, be adopted.* That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch, Pierson, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (12). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 47 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF AND IN THE NAME OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, A CONTRACT WITH BALAR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS the Statement of Qualifications from the engineering firm of BALAR Engineering Services ranked highest among the Statements of Qualifications received from firms desiring to perform engineering services for the Parish's FY 2010-11 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Public Facilities Improvements Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Administrator and Caddo Parish Commission of the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana, that following satisfactory negotiation and in accordance with the State's requirements concerning procurement of Engineering Services for LCDBG projects, the Administrator is hereby authorized to execute on behalf and in the name of the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana, a contract for Community Development Block Grant project engineering with BALAR Engineering Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mrs. Baker, *that Resolution No. 47 of 2009, authorizing the Parish Administrator to execute on behalf and in the name of Caddo Parish a contract with BALAR Engineering Services for a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant project, be adopted. That motion carried*, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch, Pierson, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (12). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 48 OF 2009

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF AND IN THE NAME OF THE PARISH OF CADDO, A CONTRACT WITH COTHR4EN, GRAFF, SMOAK ENGINEERING, INC., FOR LOUISIANA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ENGINEERING SERVICES

WHEREAS the Statement of Qualifications from the engineering firm of Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc. ranked highest among the Statements of Qualifications received from firms desiring to perform engineering services for the Parish's FY 2010-11 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Public Facilities Improvements Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Administrator and Caddo Parish Commission of the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana, that following satisfactory negotiation and in accordance with the State's requirements concerning procurement of Engineering Services for LCDBG projects, the Administrator is hereby authorized to execute on behalf and in the name of the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana, a contract for Community Development Block Grant project engineering with Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

It was **moved by Mr. Smith**, seconded by Mr. Dominick, *that Resolution No. 48 of 2009*

authorizing the Parish Administrator to execute on behalf and in the name of Caddo Parish a contract with Cothren, Graff, Smoak Engineering, Inc., for a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant project. That motion carried, as shown by the following roll call vote: AYES: Commissioners Baker, Cox, Dominick, Epperson, Escude, Jenkins, Linn, Lynch, McCulloch, Pierson, McCulloch, Smith and Thibodeaux (12). NAYS: None. ABSTAINING: None. ABSENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Epperson, *that Ms. Brenda D. Smith be reappointed to the North Caddo Medical Center Board, term to expire July 1, 2015. Motion carried.*

It was **moved by Mr. Dominick**, seconded by Mr. Smith, *that Mr. Kenneth D. Clay be reappointed to the North Caddo Medical Center Board, term to expire July 10, 2015. Motion carried.*

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Stephanie Lynch
President

Jerry C. Spears
Commission Clerk